

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: David Stratman, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Name of Program: Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP)

Purpose: Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) provides cost-sharing assistance on agricultural land for carrying out conservation and environmental enhancement practices which have long-term benefits.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date of Inception: 1936 Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (as amended)

Target Lands/Owners: Agricultural lands/USDA participants

Application Process: See local Farm Services Agency office or local Agriculture Service Center

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: Ron Birt
USDA Farm Services Agency
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Fax: (317) 290-3030

Comments: The program is administered by the Farm Services Agency, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), formerly the Soil Conservation Service, provides technical assistance to ACP participants. NRCS works with landowners in determining where conservation practices are practical and necessary, preparing the conservation plans, and designing and laying out the practices. NRCS also supervises and certifies proper installation of the practices. Eligible practices include restoring, creating, or enhancing wetlands, and creating shallow water areas for wildlife.

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: James J. Ruwaldt, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bloomington Field Office

Name of Program: Conservation Easement Program

Purpose: To protect important resources (wetlands, riparian areas, natural areas, and other wildlife habitat) through the acquisition of conservation easements from USDA Farm Service Agency (FmHA) borrowers, and to provide debt relief for those borrowers.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date of Inception: 1994

Target Lands/Owners: Farm Service Agency (FmHA) borrowers. All lands are generally eligible, but emphasis is placed on important resources as described under "purpose."

Application Process: Contact local FSA office

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: C. Brent Kerns
Farm Service Agency
5975 Lakeside Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278
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Fax: (317) 290-3024

Comments: This program is known as the Debt Restructure Program within FSA. It has not received much support from FSA and has had very limited use in Indiana. The value of any land enrolled in this program is deducted from a borrower's loan balance. A perpetual easement is placed on the land enrolled.

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: David Stratman, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Name of Program: Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

Purpose: CRP offers long-term rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish permanent vegetative cover on certain types of cropland.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date of Inception: 1985 Food Security Act (as amended)

Target Lands/Owners: Cropland that is highly erodible, contributing to a serious water quality problem, or is considered environmentally sensitive.

Application Process: See local Farm Services Agency office or local Agriculture Service Center

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Comments: By converting environmentally sensitive areas to permanent grass and tree cover, soil erosion is reduced and both water quality and wildlife habitat are improved. A variety of practices are encouraged on CRP acres including planting native grasses, establishing forest stands, creating wildlife habitat, restoring wetlands, and developing shallow water areas for wildlife.

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Information Provided by:

Name of Program: Federal tax benefits for land trust donations

Information for this program was not obtained.

Contact: Internal Revenue Service
800-829-1040

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: David Stratman, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Name of Program: Forestry Incentives Program (FIP)

Purpose: To increase the nation's supply of timber products.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date of Inception: 1978 Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act

Target Lands/Owners: Private individuals, groups, or associations who own non-industrial private forest land capable of producing industrial wood crops. High priority is given to planting trees on marginal cropland.

Application Process: See local Natural Resources Conservation Service office, local Agriculture Service Center, or IDNR District Forester.

Contact Person: Lillian Woods
Natural Resources Conservation Service
6013 Lakeside Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278
Ph: (317) 290-3202
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Comments: This program can be used to restore woody vegetation on bottomland forested areas greater than 10 acres.

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: Michael Gallagher, National Park Service, Midwest Field Area, Natural Resources

Name of Program: National Natural Landmarks (NNL) Program

Purpose: It is the goal of the program to identify, recognize, and encourage the protection of sites containing the best remaining examples of ecological and geological components of the nation's landscape. Landmarks are designated on both public and private land, with the program designed to have the concurrence of the owner or administrator.

Funding Source: The program is funded by the National Park Service at level to ensure some staff time is made available to the Washington and Field Office levels.

Date of Inception: The program was established by the Secretary of the Interior in 1962, under authority of the Historic Sites Act of 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461-467), and administered by the National Park Service.

Target Lands/Owners: A National Natural Landmark is a nationally significant natural area. To be nationally significant, a site must be one of the best examples of a type of biotic community or geologic feature in its physiographic province. The United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Trust Territories were divided into 33 natural regions of physiographic provinces. Studies and other means, including nomination are used to identify potential sites.

Application Process: Scientists are contracted by the National Park Service or owners to gather information to comparatively evaluate a site in question against similar sites. Evaluation reports are peer reviewed by other scientists and by NPS staff. The director of NPS recommends qualified sites to the Secretary of the Interior for designation.

Has program been evaluated? How? The program has been evaluated by the National Park Service, and changes periodically made; by the Office of Inspector General, and by public comment.

Contact Person: Michael Gallagher
National Park Service
1709 Jackson St.
Omaha, NE 68102
Ph: (402) 221-3418
Fax: (402) 221-3461

Comments: There has been a moratorium on new designations for several years.

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: James J. Ruwaldt, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Bloomington Field Office

Name of Program: Partners For Wildlife

Purpose: To restore wetlands, prairie, and bottomland forests on private lands. USFWS pays 100% of the cost of restoring these habitats. Landowner must sign a 10 year agreement to keep the area as restored. Landowner retains all ownership rights.

Funding Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and numerous partners

Date of Inception: 1988

Target Lands/Owners: Lands that were formerly wetland, prairie, or bottomland hardwoods. All landowners are eligible to participate.

Application Process: Contact USFWS Bloomington Field Office at 812/334-4261, or Northern Indiana Sub Office in Warsaw at (219) 269-7640. USFWS personnel will make an on-site evaluation of the property with the landowner. Lands that are determined to be eligible for the program will be scheduled for restoration by USFWS.

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: Jeff Kiefer
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Bloomington, IN 47403
Ph: (812) 334-4261 ext. 212
Fax: (812) 334-4273
e-mail:Jeff_Kiefer@mail.fws.gov

Comments: This program has been highly successful and very popular with landowners. Over 900 projects have been completed statewide.

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: David Stratman, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Name of Program: Water Quality Incentive Program (WQIP)

Purpose: A voluntary incentive program to solve non-point source pollution problems identified in the State Water Quality plan.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date of Inception: 1990 (USDA 5-year Water Quality Plan)

Target Lands/Owners:

Application Process: See local Farm Services Agency office or local Agricultural Service Center

Contact Person: Robert Hummel
Natural Resources Conservation Service
6013 Lakeside Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46278
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Comments: WQIP enables NRCS to expand technical assistance for source reduction of agricultural pollutants. Technical assistance concentrates on conservation practices that address wetland preservation, wildlife habitat improvement and resource management.

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: David Stratman, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Name of Program: Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (Public Law 83-566)

Purpose: Enables watershed project sponsors to acquire perpetual wetland or flood plain conservation easements to perpetuate, restore and enhance the natural capability of wetlands and flood plains. These capabilities include retaining excessive floodwaters, improving water quality and quantity, and providing habitat for fish and wildlife.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date of Inception: 1954 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program Act (Public Law 83-566)

Target Lands/Owners:

Application Process: See local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or local Agricultural Service Center

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Comments: PL-566 provides for technical, financial, and credit assistance by the USDA to local organizations representing the people living in small watersheds. Practices which are eligible for cost-sharing include flood prevention, recreational development, ground water recharge, and fish and wildlife development.

Program: Incentive
Level: Federal

Information Provided by: David Stratman, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Name of Program: Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)

Purpose: A voluntary program offering interested farmers a chance to receive payments for restoring and protecting wetlands on their property.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Date of Inception: 1985 Food Security Act (as amended)

Target Lands/Owners: Eligible lands include restorable wetland areas that have been used intensively for cropping and forage production. Limited areas of natural wetland, plus non-wetland areas needed to buffer the wetland from disturbance or to establish reasonable field boundaries, may be included.

Application Process: See local Natural Resources Conservation Service office or local Agricultural Service Center

Contact Person: Lillian Woods
Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Comments: NRCS obtains long-term conservation easements from participating landowners to maintain the area as a wetland. NRCS helps determine eligibility and provides technical assistance for restoring, protecting, and managing the wetland. The landowner controls public access and use of the land. Acceptable uses of the land may include hunting, fishing, timber harvesting, and educational opportunities.

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Jack McGriffin, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Reclamation

Name of Program: Appalachian Clean Streams Initiative

Purpose: To clean streams polluted by acid mine drainage resulting from abandoned coal mines.

Funding Source: U.S. Department of the Interior - Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Date of Inception: Fall 1994

Target Lands/Owners: All citizens of southwestern Indiana (the State's coal region)

Involvement Process: Participate in citizens' group formed to address South Fork of the Patoka River; Pike County.

Has program been evaluated? How? No, too young

Contact Person:	Tom Held NRCS Petersburg, IN Ph: (812) 354-6728 Fax: (812) 354-3080	Steve Herbert OR John Allen IDNR - Division of Reclamation P.O. Box 147 Jasonville, IN 47438 Ph: (800) 772-6463 or (812) 665-2207 Fax: (812) 665-5041
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Comments:

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Dan Ernst, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry

Name of Program: The Indiana Classified Forest Program

Purpose: To encourage the retention of forest land in Indiana for the benefits of timber production, watershed protection and other associated forest benefits. Participating landowners are granted a lowered tax assessment (\$1.00/acre assessed value), an annual newsletter and periodic woodland inspections by a professional forester in return for following program guidelines. Eligible lands must have at least 10 acres of contiguous forest. Information on the program can be obtained from the contact source listed below or the local District Forester.

Funding Source: State forestry tax (.0065 mils), State general fund

Date of Inception: March 10, 1921

Target Lands/Owners: Native and/or planted forest lands at least ten acres in size

Application Process: Local district forester provides the initial forest inspection to determine eligibility. The four-page application includes a legal description of the forest prepared by a registered surveyor and signatures by the landowner, county assessor and the district forester. The annual application deadline is February 28.

Has program been evaluated? How? Evaluated by the Indiana legislative Sunset Committee in 1991 and, based on the program's merits, recommended program expansion- 10% annually.

Contact Person: Jack Nelson
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph: (317) 232-4105
Fax: (317) 233-3863
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Comments: January 1996 program participation: 7,613 parcels totalling 363,698 acres.

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Bill Maudlin, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Program: Classified Wildlife Habitat Act

Purpose: To reduce habitat loss on private land by encouraging landowners to develop or save existing wildlife habitat.

Funding Source: Dedicated Fish and Wildlife Fund

Date of Inception: 1979

Target Lands/Owners: Landowners of grasslands, shrublands, wetlands, woodlands less than 10 acres, and riparian areas.

Application Process: Contact District Wildlife Biologist or Indianapolis Office for a free land inspection and application form.

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: Roger Neal, Staff Specialist
402 W. Washington St., W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph: (317) 232-4080
Fax: (317) 232-8150

Comments: The incentives for landowners to classify their lands are: 1) the reduction of the assessed value of classified lands to \$1 per acre for property tax purposes; 2) free technical assistance and advice.

Land qualifies for classified wildlife habitat if: 1) it contains at least 15 acres of which less than 10 acres are woodland; 2) it contains a good stand of natural or planted trees, shrubs, and grasses capable of supporting wildlife species; 3) it does not contain a dwelling or other usable building; 4) no part of it lies within a licensed shooting preserve.

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Dan Ernst, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry

Name of Program: Forest Stewardship Program

Purpose:

A cost-share, grant and education program with reimbursement of up to 60% of various forest stewardship conservation practices. The program is open to Indiana forest landowners with at least ten acres. Among the eligible projects are: 1) tree plantings of at least one acre, 2) timber stand improvement to enhance the production of quality hardwood timber, 3) wildlife habitat improvement projects, 4) wetland improvement projects, 5) Forest road/trail conservation practices.

Program also provides "Challenge Grants" to individuals and organizations to sponsor programs and activities to help meet the State five-year Forest Stewardship goals. These are 50:50 matching grants.

The program provides some funds for educational materials, programs and projects undertaken by the Division of Forestry and cooperating entities.

Funding Source: Federal Farm Bill, U.S. Forest Service budget

Date of Inception: 1991

Target Lands/Owners:

- 1) Private landowners with at least ten acres interested in land and forest stewardship.
- 2) Conservation organizations and individuals involved in promoting forest stewardship may apply for the "Challenge Grants."

Application process:

- 1) Applications for cost sharing are available from the local IDNR District Forester, who visits the project site to determine project needs and develops recommendations based on the landowners' objectives. District forester also provides information on how to proceed with the project or how to hire a private forester to complete the work.
- 2) Grant applications are available from the IDNR, Division of Forestry at the address listed below. Grant applications are normally accepted September - December.

Has program been evaluated? How?

The program is modelled after similar cost-share programs and is periodically evaluated by the U.S. Forest Service on how well State forest conservation goals are met.

Contact Person: Robert Koenig
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Indianapolis, IN 46204
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Comments:

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Gwen White, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil Conservation

Name of Program: Lake and River Enhancement (LARE)

Purpose:

Legislation enacted by the Indiana General Assembly provides direction and funding for the State Soil Conservation Board to implement the LARE component of the T-by-2000 strategy. The LARE program provides technical and financial assistance to projects aimed at controlling sediment and nutrient inflows from agricultural sources and other land disturbing activities so as to forestall or reverse the impacts of such inflows and enhance continued use of Indiana's public access lakes or rivers. The program allows grant funds to be used for five basic purposes: 1) preliminary lake evaluations, 2) diagnostic/feasibility studies of lakes, 3) design of lake-related projects, 4) construction of lake-related projects, and 5) land treatment in lake or river watersheds. Projects can include wetland restoration or construction for control of sediment and nutrient inputs. In the first ten years of the program, LARE-funded activities have addressed water-quality issues in about 110 lakes. Land treatment projects are currently operating in 21 different lake and river watersheds in 28 counties across the State.

Funding Source: Direct cost-share funding derived from a five-dollar boat fee generates between \$800,000 and \$1 million per year, depending upon the number of registered boats. In addition, a designated portion from the cigarette tax funds administrative costs of the program. Cost-share funding is available for up to 90 percent of the total cost for a project. Generally, two to three times as much money is requested as is available.

Date of Inception: 1987 begun as "Lake Enhancement Program"; 1991 added "River" element

Target Lands/Owners: Watersheds of public-access lakes and rivers

Application Process: IDNR staff solicit proposals each January for evaluation by the State Soil Conservation Board in July, which ranks proposals on a priority basis, and uses all available funds to award grants to the most viable and competitive projects.

Has program been evaluated? How?

Every dollar spent in prevention of sediment and nutrient control through watershed land treatment saves five dollars that would have been required to restore function to damaged ecological and production systems. Biological and chemical monitoring is incorporated into projects to determine whether sediment and nutrient inputs are effectively addressed by individual projects.

Contact Person: Jim Ray
402 W. Washington St., Rm W265, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph: (317) 233-3871
Fax: (317) 233-3882
e-mail: jim_ray_at_dnrlan@ima.isd.state.in.us

Comments:

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Doug Campbell, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Management.

Name of Program: Clean Water Act, Section 319, Nonpoint Source Management Program

Purpose: To control pollution from nonpoint sources to the navigable waters of the State and to improve the quality of such waters.

Funding Source: EPA grant money

Date of Inception: February 4, 1987

Target Lands/Owners:

Application Process: Grant application package available upon request

Has program been evaluated? How? N/A

Contact Person: Sharen Jarzen
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Management, Nonpoint Source Section
P.O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6015
Ph: (317) 308-3208
Fax: (317) 308-3219
e-mail: SKJ@OPN.DEM.STATE.IN.US

Comments: Primarily grant money from EPA is used to fund projects to control and clean up nonpoint source pollution. Some constructed wetlands projects have been funded through this program.

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: John Bacone, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves

Name of Program: State Nature Preserve Dedication

Purpose: In perpetuity protection of natural areas/ rare species habitats via "in perpetuity" conservation easement.

Funding Source: Not applicable (although DNR sometimes purchases land for nature preserves)

Date of Inception: 1967

Target Lands/Owners: High quality natural areas and rare species habitat, scattered throughout the State

Application Process: DNR staff inspect tracts to determine eligibility upon owner request. Owners of known natural areas are informed of the program and are asked about participation (voluntary).

Has program been evaluated? How? Sunset evaluation of DNR

Contact Person: John Bacone
Division of Nature Preserves
402 W. Washington, W267
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph: (317) 232-4052
Fax: (317) 233-0133

Comments:

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Dan Ernst, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry

Name of Program: Stewardship Incentives Program

Purpose: A cost-share incentive program with reimbursement of up to 60% of various forest stewardship conservation practices. The program is open to Indiana forest landowners with at least ten acres. Among the eligible projects are: 1) tree plantings of at least one acre, 2) timber stand improvement to enhance the production of quality hardwood timber, 3) wildlife habitat improvement projects, 4) wetland improvement projects, 5) forest road/trail conservation practices.

Funding Source: Federal Farm Bill, U.S. Forest Service budget

Date of Inception: 1992

Target Lands/Owners: Private landowners with at least ten acres interested in land and forest stewardship.

Application process: Applications are available from all USDA, Farm Service Agency offices. The local IDNR, district forester visits the project site to determine project needs and develops recommendations based on the landowners' objectives. District forester also provides information on how to proceed with the project or how to hire a private forester to complete the work.

Has program been evaluated? How? The program is modelled after similar cost-share programs and is periodically evaluated by the U.S. Forest Service on how well State forest conservation goals are met.

Contact Person: Robert Koenig
Division of Forestry
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Ph: (317) 232-4105
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Comments: Participants must have an approved Forest Stewardship plan and an approved project application to be eligible for reimbursement.

Program: Incentive
Level: State

Information Provided by: Bill Maudlin, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife

Name of Program: Wildlife Habitat Cost-Share Project

Purpose: To encourage landowners to develop wildlife habitat by reducing the cost of its development through reimbursement for 90 percent of the cost of development of wildlife habitat or \$1,000, whichever is less.

Funding Source: Dedicated Fish and Wildlife Funds

Date of Inception:

Target Lands/Owners: Landowners of 10 acres or more wanting to develop permanent wildlife habitat, windbreaks, brushpiles, vegetation management, and wetland development.

Application Process: Contact District Wildlife Biologist or Indianapolis Office to discuss the wildlife habitat practices to be developed and complete an application.

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: Roger Neal
402 W. Washington St. W273
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Ph: (317) 232-4080
Fax: (317) 232-8150

Comments: Landowners are eligible for the Cost-Share program if: 1) they own or exercise control over 10 acres or more; 2) the land to be developed is not part of a commercial hunting preserve.

Additional Attachments:

Program: Incentive
 Level: Private/Local

Information Provided by: Dan Ernst, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry

Name of Program: Indiana Tree Farm

Purpose: Promotion stewardship of forest resources and recognition of forest landowners who are true and active stewards of their forests. The Indiana Tree Farm program also sponsors the "Outstanding Outdoor Laboratory of the Year" for Indiana schools. And the "Outstanding Logger of the Year." These awards recognize high-achieving schools and loggers who demonstrate, practice and promote forest stewardship.

Funding Source: Indiana Hardwood Lumbermans Association, American Forest Foundation

Date of Inception: 1941 nationally; 1955 in Indiana

Target Lands/Owners: All landowners with at least 10 acres of forest land. Currently 70,000 members nationwide.

Application Process: To be recognized as a Tree Farmer the owner must be nominated or complete a nomination form describing his/her forest stewardship activities. Application must be attested and the forest inspected by an approved Tree Farm Inspector. There is no application fee.

Has program been evaluated? How? All Tree Farms are inspected every 5 years by a Tree Farm inspector (usually a professional forester) to recertify the stewardship activities and acknowledge a landowners eligibility for continued recognition as a Tree Farmer.

Contact Person: Bob Burke
 2896 Centennial Rd.
 Martinsville, IN 46151
 Ph: (317) 342-3851

Comments: Certified Tree Farmers receive the *Tree Farm* magazine and the *Woodland Steward* publication. Both are well written educational publications containing many useful articles on a variety of subjects for the active forest landowner.

Program: Incentive
Level: Private/Local

Information Provided by: Chris Maron, The Nature Conservancy

Name of Program: Southern Lake Michigan Conservation Initiative

Purpose: Protect biodiversity in NW Indiana, SW Michigan and SE Chicago.
Recruit, train, and develop volunteer stewardship networking.

Funding Source: EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North American Waterfowl Mgmt. Plan

Date of Inception: 7/94

Target Lands/Owners: Natural areas in Southern Lake Michigan Watershed

Application Process:

Has program been evaluated? How?

Contact Person: Paul Labus
2400 New York Ave., Room 411
Whiting, IN 46394
Ph: (219) 473-4312
Fax: same

Comments:

Program: Incentive
Level: Private/Local

Information Provided by: Jana Goldman, Wildlife Habitat Council

Name of Program: Wildlife at Work

Purpose: To encourage the formation of volunteer employee wildlife management teams to implement, maintain, and monitor wildlife habitat projects on corporate lands.

Funding Source: Membership fees

Date of Inception: 1988

Target Lands/Owners: Corporate-owned lands

Application Process: Registration process

Has program been evaluated? How? Yes. A 1994-95 Duke study and a 1993 University of Michigan study (see attached)

Contact Person: Wildlife Habitat Council
1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 920
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Ph: (301) 588-8994
Fax: (301) 588-4629
e-mail: whc@cais.com

Comments: This program is responsible for much of the wildlife projects' success. The teams, which can be as small as one person or as large as 75 individuals, are dedicated and enthusiastic about the wildlife projects at their workplace. The participation of the employees coupled with the commitment from management make a winning combination to benefit wildlife. WHC's motto is "no site too small," which means wildlife projects can take place almost anywhere.

Additional Attachments: News release
Newsletter article

Program: Incentive
 Level: Private/Local
 Focus Area Project

Information Provided by: Debra Williams, The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Field Office

Name of Program: Blue River Project

Purpose: This project office was created to establish local involvement in the protection of the Blue River watershed. The goals of this project office are to work with local landowners, farmers, businesses and communities to effectively protect the Blue River watershed while maintaining economically practical and compatible uses of the land. Examples of the assistance available through this office are livestock fencing to protect existing riparian corridor, tree planting along the Blue River riparian corridor, financial assistance in classifying stream and riverbanks (as Classified Riparian Land) and other incentive programs for landowners along the Blue River.

Funding Source: Hoosier Landscapes: Saving Our Last Great Places Capital Campaign and private fund-raising

Date of Inception: 1994

Target Lands/Owners: The watershed of the Blue River in southern Indiana

Application Process: Property/landowners must fall within the Blue River Watershed. Landowners can contact the Blue River office for more information.

Has program been evaluated? How? Quarterly reports to staff and scientists at the Indiana Field Office. Periodic reports to funders. (Reports on file in the Indiana Field Office.)

Contact Person: Allen Pursell, The Nature Conservancy
 TNC Blue River Project Office
 P.O. Box 5
 Corydon, IN 47112
 Ph: (812) 738-2087
 Fax: (812) 738-2087

Comments:

Program: Incentive
 Level: Private/Local
 Focus Area Project

Information Provided by: Debra Williams, The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Field Office

Name of Program: Fish Creek Project

Purpose: This project office was created to establish local involvement in the protection of the Fish Creek watershed. The goals of this project office are to work with local landowners, farmers, businesses and communities to effectively protect the Fish Creek watershed while maintaining economically practical and compatible uses of the land. Examples of the assistance available through this office are livestock fencing to protect existing riparian corridor, tree planting along the Fish Creek riparian corridor, and other incentive programs for landowners along the Blue River.

Funding Source: Hoosier Landscapes: Saving Our Last Great Places Capital Campaign and private fund-raising

Date of Inception: 1992

Target Lands/Owners: The watershed of Fish Creek in northeastern Indiana

Application Process: Property/landowners must fall within the Fish Creek Watershed. Landowners can contact the Fish Creek office for more information.

Has program been evaluated? How? Quarterly reports to staff and scientists at the Indiana Field Office. Periodic reports to funders. (Reports on file in the Indiana Field Office.)

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 Angola, IN 46703
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 Fax: (219) 665-9141

Comments:

Program: Incentive
Level: Cooperative

Information Provided by: Debra Williams, The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Field Office

Name of Program: Natural Area Registry

Purpose:

The voluntary Registry program is designed to honor and recognize the owners of outstanding natural areas for their commitment to the survival of Indiana's natural heritage. It simply encourages the preservation of important natural lands in private ownership. This non-binding, non-regulatory program awards plaques to landowners who have, through their willingness to protect a part of our common Hoosier heritage, earned the appreciation of all Indiana citizens. Registry property signs are also available for the landowner. The directions to a Registry area are not publicized; however, if the landowner wishes, the landowner's gesture can be publicized.

Funding Source:

Original funding from Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis. Current funding from The Nature Conservancy.

Date of Inception: 1979

Target Lands/Owners:

A property must contain one or more of the following natural values: 1) habitat for plants or animals with declining population in Indiana, 2) plant communities characteristic of the native vegetation of Indiana, and 3) outstanding natural features such as virgin forests or bogs.

Application Process:

Most Registry sites have already been evaluated and identified. A Registry representative attempts to contact all landowners at these sites and give them the opportunity to voluntarily enter into the program.

Has program been evaluated? How?

This program was created jointly with Indiana's Department of Natural Resources. Property to be included into the Registry program is evaluated by Indiana's DNR.

Contact Person:	Mary McConnell The Nature Conservancy 1330 West 38th Street Indianapolis, IN 46208 Ph: (317) 923-7547 Fax: (317) 923-7582	or	John Bacone Div. of Nature Preserves/IDNR 402 W. Washington, W267 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Ph: (317) 232-4052 Fax: (317) 233-0133
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Comments:

Registration effectively encourages conservation of important natural lands in private or public ownership. By informing landowners of the uniqueness of particular sites, registration reduces the chance that significant natural values may be unwittingly destroyed. The same recognition will discourage others, such as governmental agencies and utilities, from disturbing the area. Landowners of Registry properties are asked to preserve and protect the area to the best of their abilities, notify The Nature Conservancy of any threats to the area, such as pollution, right-of-way, drainage, and so on, and notify The Nature Conservancy of any intent to sell or transfer ownership of the property.